

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 7 and 9-12, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-6 and 8, and add new claim 13 as follows:

1. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ A basketball basket apparatus comprising:
a floating platform (10) having a border for floating on water; and
a basketball basket (13) fixed to [[a]] the floating platform (10), wherein the
basketball basket (13) projects over the water above the border of the floating platform.

2. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 1 ~~consisting of~~ further comprising:
a board (12) to which the basketball basket (13) is fixed; and
a platform (10) on which are fixed at least two poles (11) fixed to the floating
platform (10) and holding [[a]] the board (12) to which the basket (13) is fixed.

3. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the border of the platform (10) ~~are~~ is rounded ~~or protected with suitable padding.~~

4. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the platform (10) presents two fixing points (14) for anchoring to a swimming pool border.

5. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the poles (11) are fixed to the platform (10) and to the board (12) by suitable fixing tools selected from the group consisting of U-bolts, screws, nuts, and glue.

6. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the platform (10) has a front side; and

wherein the poles (11) ~~are leaning~~ lean toward the front side of the platform (10)
in order that the board (12) and the basket (13) project ~~on~~ over the water above a portion of the
border on the front side of the platform (10).

Claim 7 (canceled).

8. (currently amended) ~~Basketball~~ The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising:

a board (12) having a front side to which the basketball basket (13) is fixed; and

wherein the platform (10) ~~presents a concavity on the side corresponding to the~~
board (12) includes:

a rear side; and

a front side, with the platform (10) shaped to curve rearward from the
front side to the rear side thereof, with the front side of the platform (10) oriented toward the
front side of the board (12), and the basket (13) projects over the water above a portion of the
border on the front side of the platform (10).

Claims 9-12 (canceled).

13. (new) The basketball basket apparatus according to claim 2 wherein the border of the platform (10) is protected with suitable padding.